

ments, reported a bill entitled, an act to provide for the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to Cumberland;

Read the first time and made the order of the day for Friday next.

And also made the following report.

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Read the first time and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Keppler, ordered to be printed.

Mr. Seidenstricker from the same committee reported a bill entitled, an additional supplement to an act entitled, an act to provide for the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to Cumberland, and of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road to the Borough of York;

Read the first time and made the order of the day for Friday next.

Mr. Owens, chairman of the select committee on the Eastern Shore Rail Road, reported a bill entitled, an act relating to the Eastern Shore Rail Road Company;

Read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Owens, The house, by a vote of two-thirds, dispensed with the rule prescribing the order of business, for the purpose of taking up for consideration, all the propositions now before the house in relation to the Eastern Shore Rail Road.

Mr. Mason afterwards rose to a point of order, and stated that it is not in order for the house now to entertain any other proposition in relation to the Eastern Shore Rail Road than those heretofore submitted by a gentleman from Worcester, another by a gentleman from Washington, and a third by a gentleman from Talbot, (the amendments having been carried to the third degree,) till some one of those are disposed of, and that therefore the bill reported by the select committee on the same subject is not in order.

The speaker stated that the house by a special order has dispensed with the rule in relation to the priority of business, so as to take up first the several propositions submitted relative to the Eastern Shore Rail Road Company, and the chair is of opinion that those several propositions are under said order to be taken up according to the order of priority, to which they may be severally entitled.

From this decision of the chair Mr. Mason appealed.

And on the question being put,

Shall the opinion of the chair stand as the judgment of the house?

The yeas and nays were required and appear as follows:

#### AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Coad	Colston	Giles
Shaw	Humphreys	Le Grand
Ridgely	Phelps	Graves
Owens	Tuck	Seidenstricker